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TOPIC Observation Note in the Gdynia - Hel - Bay of Danzig - Danzig Area and the Coastal Area of the Western Portion of the Baltic Sea.

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Date	Observations	Weather	Remarks
1. 17 to 24 March 1955	There was air activity on various days in the Danzig (54°44' N/19°15'E) -Gdynia (54°21'N/18°40'E) area. Two jet aircraft flying at a very high altitude were seen.	There was good visibility and an 0/10 overcast.	25X1
2. 31 March to 1 April 1955	On 1 April, a single piston engine aircraft was seen three or four times circling over the vicinity of Gdynia.	There was 0/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,000 to 1,500 meters, visibility for 3 to 5 km	This plane was a low-wing aircraft with slender fuselage, tapered wings, high tail unit, and no jet engines.
3. 19 to 22 March 1955	At 1400 on 19 March, an aircraft of an undetermined type attacked an element of two planes in the Hel (54°50'N/18°21'E) air space. At 1500, 3 jet aircraft flying in single file formation dived successively from a high altitude. These planes came from southeast and disappeared in a northwesterly direction. Air activity lasted for about one hour. After an interruption, this air activity lasted until nightfall. When the planes approached, the landing gears were extended. The red star was seen under the wings. The planes were of type MiG. There was no air activity between 20 and 22 March.	there was good visibility and an 0/10 overcast	
4. 4 and 5 April 1955	At 1500 on 4 April, one monoplane was observed in the Danzig area space making a low-speed flight at an altitude of 1,500 meters, flying from southeast to northwest.	There was 0/10 overcast and visibility for 5 km	The monoplane had a piston engine and rectangular wings.

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4 and 5 April 1955	At 1400 on 5 April, one jet aircraft with swept-back wings flew at an altitude of about 1,000 meters, from southeast to northwest. At 1500, the same air activity was observed as on 4 April.		
5. 3 to 5 April 1955	At 1000 on 4 April, two seaplanes were seen taxiing in the water near Gdynia Harbor. The planes disappeared without taking off in the direction of Putzinger Wick (54°40'N/18°35'E). These seaplanes were monoplanes with piston engines and floats.	hazy	Between 1100 and noon on 4 April, numerous Polish sailors with propeller insignia on their sleeves were observed in Gdynia.
6. 1 to 16 April 1955	Twelve jet aircraft of type MiG were seen between 1500 and 1700 on 8 April in the air space of Gdynia. These planes approached individually and later on in elements of two at intervals of 15 minutes. The aircraft came from the southeast and headed toward the west. They apparently landed in the vicinity of Okszwie (54°33'N/18°33'E).	There was 5/10 overcast, north-easterly wind, and good visibility	25X1
	At 1100 on 9 April, 6 to 7 MiG aircraft, which flew individually came from the direction of Okszwie and headed toward the south. The planes peeled off to the east over Gdynia Harbor, climbed and disappeared from view. At 1530, 6 MiG aircraft circled at an altitude of about 5,000 meters over the northern portion of the Bay of Danzig. At 1400 on 14 April, one monoplane approached the air space of Gdynia from the south at an altitude of 800 meters, headed toward the west and disappeared from view. At 1450, two MiGs crossed over the vicinity of Gdynia at short intervals. They came from the south and headed toward the north. At 1500, one MiG was observed flying at the same course as the two MiGs mentioned above.	There was 3/10 overcast, easterly wind, later on clear, good visibility	25X1
		Not reported. Visibility was apparently good.	

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7. 16 to 22 April 1955	Between 0800 and 1700 on 19 and 21 April or on 20 and 22 April, there was air activity in the Gdynia air space. At intervals of 30 minutes, one jet plane each crossed the area at an altitude of 800 meters, flying from south to northwest. The planes lost altitude in the vicinity of Oksywie.	There was driving snow and storm. Only on 19 and 21 or 20 and 22 April was 0/10 overcast and good visibility.	These planes had swept back wings and a red star under the wings. A rod of an undetermined length was seen in the last third of the left leading edge of the wing. The rudder assembly was rather high.	25X1
8. 9 to 13 April 1955	In the afternoon of 9 April, the noise of jet engines was heard in the air space over Gdynia. The planes flew over the clouds coming from the north. At 1500, the same noise was heard for two times as mentioned above. There was no air activity on 10 April. There was no air activity on 10 April. On the morning of 11 April, three jet aircraft crossed over Gdynia. The swept back wings were definitely lean. The planes came from a north-northeasterly direction. On 12 April, the noise of jet engines was heard several times in the air space over Gdynia. The planes came from north-northeast. At 0910 on 13 April, 2 MiGs crossed over the area coming from north-north-east and disappeared in the clouds.	About 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,000 meters, north-northwesterly wind. The weather cleared up in the afternoon. 5/10 overcast, easterly wind, good visibility		
9. 20 to 25 April 1955	On 23 April, a glider was seen in the vicinity of Stettin-Altdamm (53°26'N/14°35'E). The glider lost altitude when flying toward Altdamm.	About 10/10 overcast	8/10 overcast, medium north-westerly wind, restricted visibility.	Swept back wings and high rudder assembly were definitely seen.
10. 2 to 12 May 1955	At 1015 on 4 May, 2 jet planes were seen in the Gdynia air space heading toward the north. At 1122, 2 jet planes were seen flying in a southerly direction. Two jet aircraft flying at a high altitude were observed several times on 7 May.	10/10 overcast intermittent rain, westerly wind. Wind speed 3 to 5	These jet planes had blunt noses, swept back wings, high tail units, and an oval body mounted under the wings.	25X1
11. 6 to 8 May 1955	On 6 May, individual MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks crossed over the vicinity of Gdynia at an altitude of about 600 meters. The planes came from the south and headed toward the north.	8/10 overcast at an altitude of 1,000 meters, wind speed 04 to 5.	The Polish nationality marking was seen. The auxiliary fuel tanks were mounted at the wing tips.	25X1

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12. 13 May 1955	jet aircraft are stationed at Praust (54°15'N/19°39'E). ²		25X1
13. 20 to 29 May 1955	At 1300 on 24 May, two vapor trails good visibility of aircraft were seen at a very high altitude in the air space of Stolpmuende (54°35'N/16°50'E). The flight paths of the aircraft repeatedly intersected. The vapor trails were visible until 1600. On 25 and 26 May, the same observations were made as on the preceding day.		
14. 20 to 23 June 1955	At 0800 on 22 June, a formation of three jet aircraft flying abreast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters were observed in the Danzig air space. Such flights were practiced at intervals of one hour and lasted until 1700. The same air activity was observed on 23 June.	0/10 overcast, calm, good visibility	The jet planes had red stars under their wings.
15. 6 to 13 July 1955	At 1400 on 7 July, one biplane was observed over Gdynia. A twin-engine aircraft towing a sleeve target was observed at 1730. Between 1830 and 1930, 1 jet aircraft with auxiliary fuel tanks was seen circling over the town. In the afternoon, 5 biplanes flying in wedge formation and at distances of two wing spans each were observed. At 1430 on 8 July, 6 biplanes flying in wedge formation and at distances of 50 to 70 meters were seen over Gdynia. At 1945, two formations of three jet aircraft each were seen. The aircraft within the formation flew at distances of two wing spans each. The distance between the two formations was about 500 meters. When peeling off, the distance between the two formations increased to 1,000 meters. Noise of flying aircraft was heard in the evening. At 1430 on 12 July, one jet aircraft was seen over Gdynia. At 1500 and 1530, 2 jet fighters each flying at distances of about 10 wing spans each cross-over Gdynia. Four jet planes flying at the same distances were seen at 1700. At 2000, 1 jet aircraft with sleeve target followed by two jet planes were observed. At 2040, one	Changing degrees of cloudiness increasing to 9/10 overcast in the evening	The jet planes had swept back wings and high tail units.

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	jet plane towing a sleeve target flew in the vicinity of Gdynia. At 1430 on 13 July, one jet plane crossed over Gdynia.		This plane had swept back wings, high tail unit and small auxiliary fuel tanks which were fitted at the middle of the wings.
1.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comment</u> . So far no observations have been made on auxiliary fuel tanks fitted at wings tips of MiG-15s. It is rather doubtful that these planes were MiG-15s.		25X1
2.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comment</u> . It has been assumed that a Polish fighter regiment equipped with MiG-15s, is stationed at Praust airfield.		25X1
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comment</u> . Most of the aircraft with swept back wings, presumably MiG-15s, which were observed in the Danzig and Gdynia air space are probably stationed at Babiedoly airfield. It is possible that Soviet jet planes, which are stationed in the Koenigsberg area, are sometimes involved in air activity observed in the areas mentioned.		25X1

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